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New drunk driving law has yet to yield results

By KIM DESPINS

Drunk driving laws are tougher this year, but Omaha police aren't seeing a lot of difference in the number of drunk drivers.

The new Administrative License Revocation (ALR) law, which went into effect Jan. 1, allows a police officer to revoke a driver's license as soon as he fails a breathalyzer or blood test.

When asked if the new law has changed the number of drunk drivers, Omaha police Sgt. Dave Stokes said, "As far as I can tell (there's no change), but it's a little early to tell."

"I would have to say no," he said.

Stokes said ALR keeps some people from driving drunk, but the main problem lies in the driver's attitude.

"It's a deterrent, but the driver's attitude is the main problem," he said.

"Ninety-nine percent of them that you stop have the attitude that they're not going to get stopped, and they go ahead and drive after drinking."

"Will this law stop that attitude? It's real hard to try and judge that."

Highway State patrolman Lt. Jerry Turgeon agreed that he couldn't see much difference in the amount of drunk drivers. But he said he thinks more people are beginning to realize the seriousness of driving drunk.

"I think that in recent years, people have started to realize how serious driving drunk is," he said.

William Muldoon, police information officer, hopes ALR and education will help to decrease the amount of drunk drivers.

"We hope to educate people to be a lot smarter. ALR is one way to do that," Muldoon said.

"It's a two-armed effort. One is that education and trying to convince people to voluntarily watch what they're doing and be

responsible and realize that they shouldn't drive while intoxicated," he said.

"The second effort is to make sure people know that we are out there and that we will arrest."

Marge Semin, who works with statistics for the Omaha Police Department, said that last year 3,922 drunk drivers were arrested. The amount, she said, was a 3 percent increase from 1991.

"Will this law stop that attitude? It's real hard to try and judge that."

—Sgt. Dave Stokes, Omaha police

She has not received statistics yet for the first month that ALR has been in effect. Semin said the conviction rate for those arrested for drunk driving is above 90 percent.

"So they don't lose too often," she said.

With a bill currently before Legislature to extend Nebraska bar hours until 2 a.m., both agreed that the new bill wouldn't make much difference.

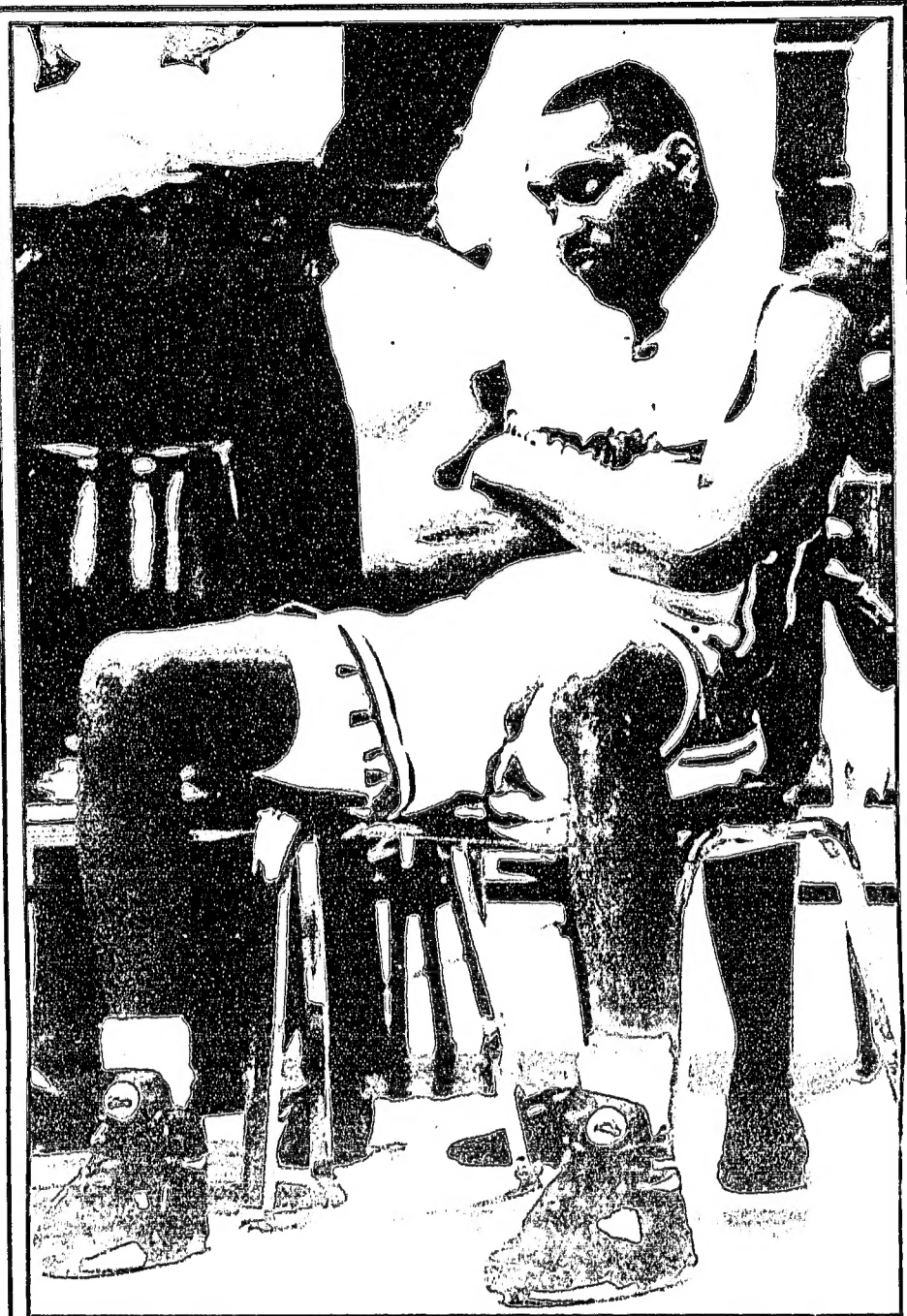
Turgeon said the extended hours would just put drunk drivers on the road one hour later, and they possibly would be even drunker.

"I don't know as that will make any difference," he said.

Stokes agreed, "I don't think it'll make much difference one way or another. The vast majority of states have a 2 a.m. or later law now."

"Omaha drivers can leave Omaha and go to Council Bluffs and drink until 2 a.m. So I don't really know that one hour is going to make a big difference."

"If people are going to drive drinking, then they're going to drive drinking."



A long night for the Mavs

—RODNEY GREEN

UNO senior guard Tony Stubblefield takes a breather during Saturday's game against St. Cloud State. UNO lost the game 84-68.

Gessaman steps down after 13 years

Graduate dean returns to teaching

By KIM DESPINS

After 13 years as dean of the Graduate College, Margaret Gessaman has decided to return to her field of expertise, teaching and working with students.

Gessaman came to UNO in 1970 and began teaching as an assistant professor in the mathematics department. She later became an associate professor, and in 1973 became chair of the mathematics department. Gessaman accepted the position as dean of Graduate Studies in May of 1980.

Although she has enjoyed her position as dean, Gessaman said she's ready to return to teaching.

"(Being dean) is a different type of work. It's highly focused on a number of procedural details."

"I'm really looking forward to going back and doing the things I was trained to do and the reason I came into academic life in the first place, which was working with students and conducting research."

Gessaman plans to take a leave of absence for a year during 1993-94 to further her education in the field of mathematics, before returning to her tenured position in the mathematics department.

"I have a lot of things to catch up on, being out of mathematics actively for several years," she said. "I need

to get back and start working again."

"I want to branch out into some areas that previously had not been part of my research."



Margaret Gessaman has decided to return to teaching.

Gessaman said she is pleased with the progress made in the graduate studies program since she became dean.

"I set out, when I became dean, to enhance the role and perception of graduate programs in research within the university," she said.

"I think that in the time that I've been in this office that I've been able to do that."

Currently, Gessaman has been meeting with a North Central Association team about gaining accreditation for doctoral programs at UNO.

"I've been very much involved in the development of those programs and will see them through the approval process," she said.

"That's an important landstone in the history of this institution."

Gessaman said she is pleased with her experiences as dean and looks forward to returning to teaching and watching the Graduate Studies program grow in the future.

"It has been a challenging experience," she said. "And I feel we've really made some important progress and now we're getting to where UNO is going to be entering into a whole new era with the doctoral program."

"I'm just looking forward to seeing somebody else take the time and really move this on into the next decade of progress."

New legislation could affect NU budget

KIM DESPINS

The future of the University of Nebraska system budget relies primarily on whether a health care provider tax is passed by the Nebraska Legislature.

"Right now, with the NU budget, it's kind of set," said Jeff Schalley, director of the Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR). "The only thing that's going to affect the budget right now is the health care provider tax."

The tax, Schalley said, would put a 2 percent tax on hospitals and provide \$35 million for Medicaid.

"That's what's eating a lot of the state's budget right now — Medicaid, because our state has a higher population of older people in nursing homes. The cost of nursing homes has been rising."

Schalley said the hospitals are not in favor of the proposed tax.

"The hospitals are going to try to lobby against that," he said.

The budget won't be finalized until April or early May, Schalley said. Until then the NU budget is fixed unless the proposed tax is approved.

"It all depends on that health care provider tax, but the hospitals will lobby strongly against it," Schalley said.

"If it doesn't go through, then they'll most likely have to cut the university budget, because that's another big share of the budget."

Schalley said whether the proposed tax is passed or not depends on the hospitals and the students.

"It depends on how strong the hospitals lobby, because the hospitals are really big, powerful corporations."

"It depends on the students writing letters to the legislators and saying, 'Hey, education is important to me.'"

"That would help a lot because the hospitals are going to hit them (the legislators) hard with professional lobbyists going down to Lincoln."

Schalley said the health care provider tax has an edge because 35 other states have similar taxes.

"So it's not like Nebraska is the first state ever to do it," he said.

The health care provider tax is not the only bill before Legislature which would affect UNO.

"There are a lot of minor bills that are going through that



Killing time

Cindy Dmyterko waits for a ride outside of Arts and Sciences Hall Monday.

—Ed Carlson

may affect the university, but not its budget," Schalley said.

One example is LB 27, which would affect the buying of property.

Schalley said the bill would make it harder to acquire property. The proposed bill would make it more difficult for

UNO to expand into Elmwood Park.

"It just came out and we're still researching it."

"Three Omaha senators introduced it (the bill), and they totally forgot about UNO," Schalley said.

"It would kind of bottleneck UNO with Elmwood Park."

SABC approves budgets; agencies make plans

By KIM DESPINS

The Student Activities Budget Commission (SABC) reviewed its first budgets at a meeting Thursday.

The first SABC meeting was an introductory meeting on Jan. 21.

SABC approved budgets for the Women's Resource Center (WRC) and the Disabled Students Agency (DSA). Both budgets remained relatively unchanged from last year, according to SABC chair Dave Kehr.

"They didn't challenge any of my suggestions. Now we've got round two coming up in March."

—Vicki Hodges, director of the Disabled Students Agency

"For the most part, it's about the same," Kehr said.

Vicki Hodges, director of DSA, said the initial budget proposal went well, but she needs to prepare for the final meeting in March, when SABC presents the budgets to the Student Senate for final approval.

"They didn't challenge any of my suggestions. Now we've got round two coming up in March," she said.

Hodges said plans for DSA include building up a library of resources for people with

disabilities. Many of those resources, she said, would discuss products and adaptive equipment.

DSA is also planning a Barrier Buster Week tentatively for the week after spring break. Barrier Buster Week will be filled with films, activities and speakers that will focus on issues that face people with disabilities.

"We are also trying to get disabled and non-disabled students, faculty and staff to

come and participate," she said.

"I really hope that whoever is director next year will continue that."

WRC also has many activities planned for the coming semester. Therese Fitzpatrick, a member of WRC, said they are planning to continue the newsletter began in the fall called "Women Allowed."

Women's History Month, which will be held in March, will be filled with activities, she said.

WRC will co-sponsor a play called "Five O'Clock Shadow." WRC will also bring in all-female band Jumping Kate and the Roll Over Sisters to celebrate the month.

Fitzpatrick said WRC will also hold the Condom Caper again this year.

SABC meetings will be held every Thursday in the Gallery Room of the Student Center from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. through February. The final budgets will be presented to the Student Senate March 18.

Workshop to focus on communication

By KIM DESPINS

Two UNO groups will sponsor a live, interactive video workshop, focusing on conflict and communication between opposite genders in the workplace.

The Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women and the Women's Resource Center will sponsor the satellite broadcast, which will include live interaction via telephone and a live studio audience.

"We will have all the capabilities of interacting with that telecast via telephone if any individual or attendee wants to participate that way," said Faye Dorwart, secretary of the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women.

Dorwart said the workshop is based partly on the book "He Said, She Said," by Marjorie Harness-Goodwin.

"It's based on those communication principles that were discussed in that book," Dorwart said.

The satellite broadcast will explain the differences in value orientation between genders and how these differences affect decision making within institutions. It will provide exercises that will help participants experience the feelings of the opposite gender. Also to be discussed are the differences between masculine and feminine communication styles. The workshop will offer ways to better communicate with members of the opposite sex in the workplace.

Students, faculty, staff and administra-

tors are encouraged to attend the workshop on Feb. 8 from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Eppley Auditorium. Dorwart said campus groups and organizations are encouraged to attend the telecast.

"We have had a tremendous amount of calls expressing an interest in it," Dorwart said.

"The indications are that it's going to be very well attended."

Provisions have been made for the hearing impaired, Dorwart said.

"We have tried to have available an interpreter for the hearing impaired there," she said.

"That's not a firm commitment, but we are anticipating that it will be."

Letters

Child center nurtures

Dear Editor:

Despite the fact that everyone on campus now knows that I brought Spencer to day care in his pajamas, I enjoyed the article about the toddlers at the child care center (*Gateway*, Jan. 26). Ms. Ybarra effectively captured the spirit of the center with her description of the various activities experienced by the teachers and students throughout the day.

As a parent, I would like to express my opinions and impressions of UNO's child care center, where my son has been enrolled for a little more than a year.

As noted in the article, the children are divided into three groups so that age appropriate activities can be planned for the children at different stages of development. Spencer has made popcorn balls, finger painted with pudding, as well as paint, and drawn numerous pictures. Outings taken by the toddlers include a trip to the zoo and a Halloween parade. During the summer it is not unusual to see a couple of

brave teachers taking them for a walk around campus. The children read books, sing songs with accompanying hand gestures, and occasionally watch movies. When the weather cooperates, they play outdoors. Summertime play includes a weekly swim day.

Regardless of the day's agenda, the activity has been carefully planned by the staff to enhance learning opportunities as well as providing fun play for the children. Each month, a calendar is distributed to the parents with a description of the planned activity for each day. In addition, about two or three times a month I receive a "toddler-gram" which describes in detail the sort of day my son has had, what he ate and the day's activities.

Meals provided by the center include breakfast, lunch and snacks. All meals are prepared by UNO's food services and meet general guidelines for nutrition. A wide variety of foods are offered to the children, including Swedish meatballs, fish, Chinese dishes and London broil. I was informed one day that Spencer was the only child at the center who would eat the cauliflower

flowers served at lunch. At last year's Christmas party, the staff took advantage of the cultural diversity of the staff and children by serving food representative of different ethnic holiday celebrations.

Most importantly, the child care center provides a nurturing and loving environment for the children of the faculty, staff and students at UNO. There have been many days I have left my son in the arms of one of the teachers and found him the same way when I returned to take him home. A little more than a year ago, when I was debating whether to enroll my son at the child care center, Ellen (Freeman-Wakefield) assured me that I would be happy with my decision if I did — and she couldn't have been more right.

Susan Baumert
UNO staff

Column was 'ironic'

Dear Editor:

Daren Schrat hasn't looked very hard when he says "I've never heard of a family not

wanting the killer to face the death penalty." (*Gateway*, Jan. 15). Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation (MVFR) is an organization that knows the pain that occurs when a family member is murdered. It realizes that despite the pain, vengeance is not the answer. MVFR is dedicated to abolishing the death penalty. Bill Felke from MVFR spoke at Creighton University last year, and Sam Sheppard from MVFR is speaking at Creighton Feb. 3 at 7:30. I have also heard Marie Deans from the organization speak.

I thought it was ironic that Mr. Schrat's column in favor of the death penalty should appear in the *Gateway* on Jan. 15, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. His widow, Coretta Scott King, is against the death penalty, believing that "I stand firmly and unequivocally opposed to the death penalty. An evil deed is not redeemed by an evil deed of retaliation. Justice is never advanced in the taking of a human life. Mortality is never upheld by a legalized murder."

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Opinions and Viewpoints

Bigots need new priorities

Recently, civil rights won another battle in its fight with discrimination. In a California court last Thursday, U.S. District Court Judge Terry Hatter, Jr. ruled that Keith Meinhold, a Navy sonar operator who was discharged after admitting on nationwide television he was gay, must be reinstated immediately. Further, Judge Hatter wrote in his opinion, "the Department of Defense is permanently enjoined from discharging or denying enlistment to any person based on sexual orientation in the absence of sexual conduct which interferes with the military mission of the armed forces of the United States."

The next day, Bill Clinton ordered recruiters to refrain from asking potential enlistees about their sexual preferences. He also imposed a partial moratorium that would prevent the military from ousting gays already in uniform. Then in another six months, barring a congressional fight against the president's actions, Mr. Clinton should overturn the executive ban on homosexual enlistment.

In short, one of the greater injustices done to a major segment of society is about to end. Of course, this will not stop those who

STEPHEN MCINTYRE
columnist

cry "immorality" and "ineffectiveness" from trying their best to keep the ban in place.

One major player who feels that homosexuality is immoral is Marine Gen. Carl Mundy, Jr., who last week began sending 15 minute videos to all members of Congress and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In the video are shots of scantily-clad gays writhing both on floats in a downtown parade and in city bars. Another portion of the video shows children crying in apparent reaction to gays leering at them.

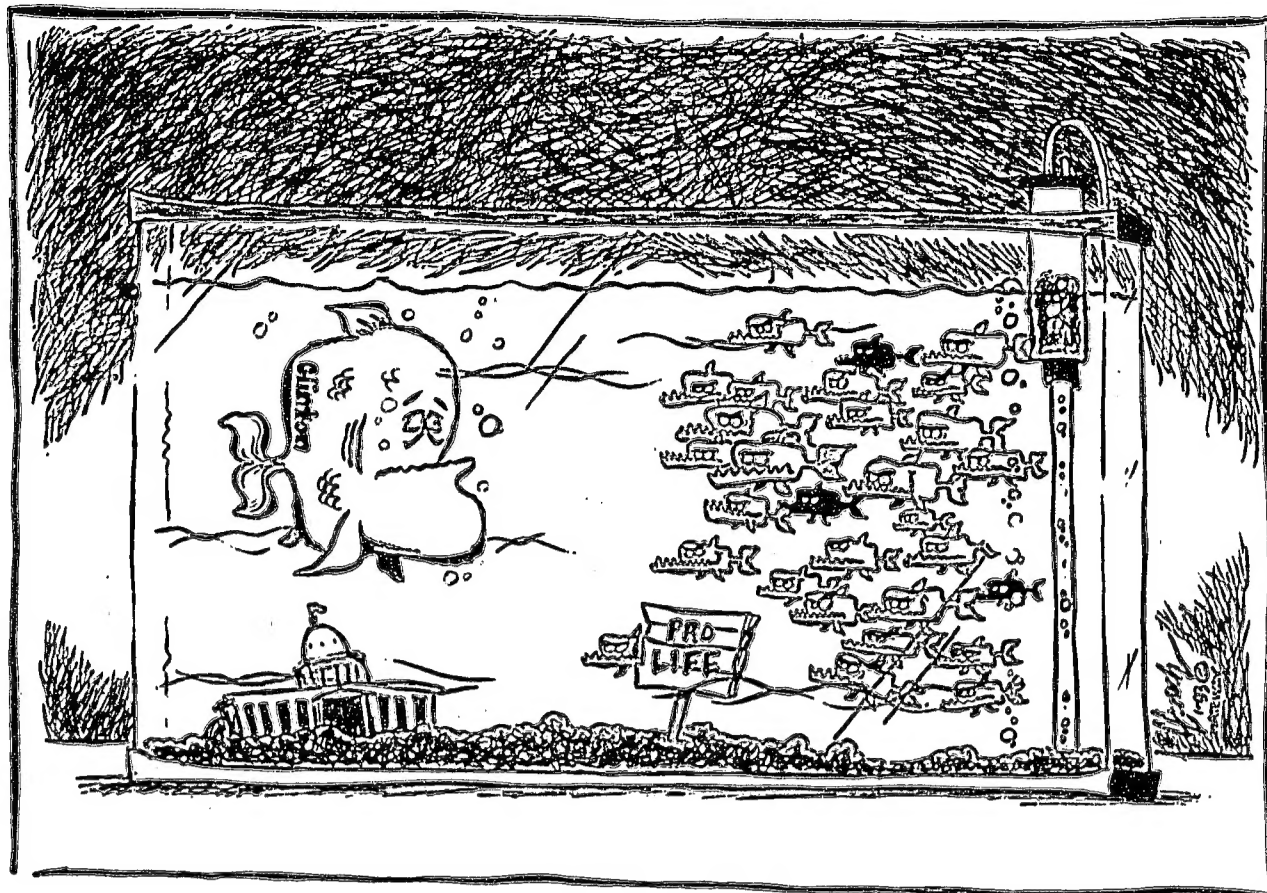
Obviously, the general has never been to Mardi Gras or to the singles bar scene, where scantily-clad heterosexuals are writhing and gyrating their butts and other parts in a show of affection to the rest of the world. He doesn't even have to go that far. If he wants to see a mass of whirling, twirling rear-ends, he could just flip the channel over to Club MTV, where he'll find young heterosexual guys dancing like snakes in their tight jeans and young heterosexual women shaking every string-covered part of their body (and then some).

Nor does he seem to think there is a difference between homosexuals and pedophiles, most of whom are heterosexual. He doesn't realize that in most sex between homosexuals there is consent, and that in pedophilia the child is coerced into doing acts he or she does not want to do — all to the detriment and trauma of the youngster. He joins the multitudes of moralists who lump all "sinners" together and point to scripture to justify making life hell for a group different than they, which is odd, considering God created gays as well as heteros. These Bible literalists are like those Christians, who, four centuries ago, couldn't accept that the Earth orbited the sun — and proceeded to burn those at the stake who believed so. In all this time they still haven't learned to accept facts that might contradict them, and persecution in the name of God goes on.

But they aren't alone in their fight. Rather than putting homosexuality down as wrong or abnormal, many are claiming that allowing gays into the military will make the service impotent. A recent columnist mirrored this view in his article, remarking on a fictional scenario where a gay soldier is an excellent marksman and a good leader. But while in combat, he is shot down and killed by friendly fire. Why? "Because," the columnist concludes, "there would be resentment towards this gay soldier by the rest of his unit."

This statement is so boneheaded it's hardly worth the paper it was printed on: What this person and others like him are saying is that more often than not the average soldier would kill or maim a gay than let him serve. This statement betrays what little respect they have for the military and its ability to adapt. This also shows how ignorant these people are of the number of military personnel who can accept, even grudgingly, gays coming out into the open. Says Marine Colonel W.V. Morris, who is dead set against gays being allowed in, to the *New York Times*: "I'll stick and march on smartly. That's what a Marine is trained to do. That's what most of my friends plan to do. We don't like it, and it'll be an awfully long, hard pull to get this task done. But we're Marines."

Certainly, homosexuals will find themselves, at first, in a hostile environment; it will take time for acceptance by heterosexuals. But if servicemen and women are going to put personal prejudice before a commitment to serve this nation, then they ought to leave immediately. Bigots are a commodity we can afford to lose.



Gentlemen, start your engines

Week four.

Round 17.

We have three formidable challengers. The first, a black 1977 Chevette with three bald tires. He's no newcomer to the Allwine Hall parking lot, Keith. He's been here since at least 8:45 a.m. and he's ready. He's even got his engine turned on.

And the second challenger is a two-tone Ford Pinto. We don't have a date on this one, Bill, but, despite the rust on this baby, this car could very well challenge the Chevette for the spot. The driver of this vehicle has a 10:00 a.m. class, so it's do or die for this guy.

But neither one of them is a match for the third challenger, a two-door white Nissan. The driver of this car is determined, Keith. The last time someone cut in front of her, she punched a three-inch hole in the side of the passenger door of the car. (Laughter erupts in the press box.)

And the referees in the blue trucks are circling the lot for the losers of this space, Bill. I talked to one of them earlier this morning, and he said he was ready to assess whatever penalties were necessary for those who couldn't get a stall.

Well, tickets are part of the competition, Keith, and I think all of our competitors are well aware of that.

Whatever the outcome, I think this battle will go down as one

of the fiercest competitions here at UNO. Almost all of the oddsmakers in Ralston have this one at a deadlock.

Well, when you think of competition — wait a minute, here comes a guy with a backpack walking out of the Engineering Building. He's pulling out some keys. . . I think he's leaving. Keith, I think he's leaving. It's usually hours before this happens. He's walking towards the lot, and all three engines are revving up.

It just doesn't get any better than this. I'm getting tingly.

You need to get out more, Keith. . . And they're off! They kid with the backpack

is climbing into his vehicle, I can't make out what it is from here, but he is starting his engine.

Would you look at the exhaust fumes coming from that car, Bill? All the humanity!

He's pulling his car out of the stall — but wait! Here comes a tan van from out of nowhere!

Can you believe it? I think she was waiting behind the shuttle bus!

Listen to the expletives down there. She got the space. She came out of nowhere. . . She got the space.

What a game! I hope they caught this one on the big screen down at Milo Ball. I'll bet no one goes to class today.

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Peter, Paul and Mary move into the '90s

PREVIEW BY ELIZABETH TAPE

Peter, Paul and Mary (Peter Yarrow, Noel Paul Stookey and Mary Travers) will make a stop at Lincoln's Pershing Auditorium Feb. 26.

Remaining active in social issues over their 30-year career, Peter, Paul and Mary have sung and spoken about concerns such as the civil rights and anti-war movements in the 1960s, and currently remain active in issues such as homelessness, the environment, world hunger, apartheid and the sanctuary movement.

"We've always been involved with issues that deal with the fundamental human rights of people, whether that means the right to political freedom or the right to breathe air that's clean," Travers said in a telephone interview from New York City.

In fact, Peter, Paul and Mary performed as part of the inaugural festivities in Washington, D.C. earlier this month, Travers said.

"It was exciting, to say the least," she said. "I deliberately stayed at the Watergate Hotel — I felt it was time we took it back. I'm thrilled to be on the friends list."

Although Travers said she is encouraged by the recent change of administration in Washington, she said further, "I'm optimistic, but I'm optimistic in bad times also. My attitude is that pessimism is a self-fulfilling prophecy."

Their close contact with world events, combined with a sense of hopefulness, reflects itself in the music that Peter, Paul and Mary perform. "Every song that we do undergoes a certain amount of scrutiny," Travers said. "The material that we sing, we all have to believe in."

Travers said they avoid songs that might be considered offensive.

"If it's a children's song, and it's silly and it's funny, you don't want it to be at someone else's expense."

Travers has noticed audiences have changed over their 30 years performing. "Many have made babies, and bring them along. One of the advantages of being blessed with a long career is that you get a whole sense of continuity that most pop artists never get because they're dealing with the moment."

Travers credits Peter, Paul and Mary's success to the nature of their material. "Peter, Paul and I have been fortunate because there's longevity in the very substance of what we do. If songs have managed to survive 200 years before you ever sing it, you owe it respect when you decide to sing it, but it is certainly not a fragile entity."

Despite the years of performing together, Travers said the process remains exciting. "All art forms have a level of spontaneity to them and there is also a level in that spontaneity an uncontrollable quality. And what keeps it fresh fundamentally, is that the material has a classic nature. 'Blowing in the Wind' stays relevant, unfortunately."

Audience participation still remains a part of their concerts,



Peter, Paul and Mary bring their tour to Lincoln Feb. 26 at Pershing Auditorium.

—DAN KLOPFER ASSOCIATES

she said.

"That's part of the fun of it all," Travers said. "It's very important to us to feel that sense of integration with the audience and ourselves."

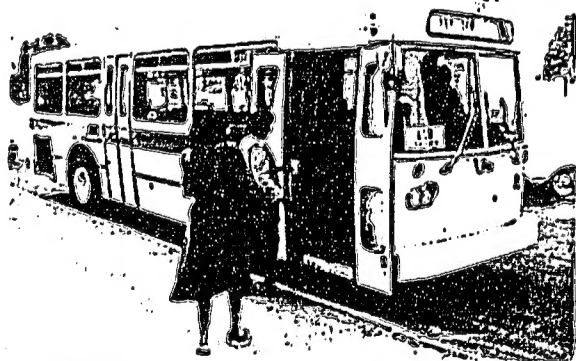
On a more philosophical note, Travers added, "Folk musicians feel like we're on a train. We get on at one stop and get off at the other, but the train keeps on going. The music is part of culture in America, we're just moving it along a little."

On each tour, Travers said, the group prepares a particular sequence of songs to sing at the concerts. "A concert is sort of

like a play. There is the text of each individual song and certain songs do very well next to each other and certain songs don't. We begin a tour by making a hypothetical list of songs and we get on stage and do it and at the end of the night, we say, 'Well, I didn't really like this song next to that one,' so you change it. But by the third concert, you've pretty much figured out what you're going to do for the tour and you don't change it for a specific audience."

In looking back to their origins in the early 1960s, Travers said she never dreamt of the success of Peter, Paul and Mary.

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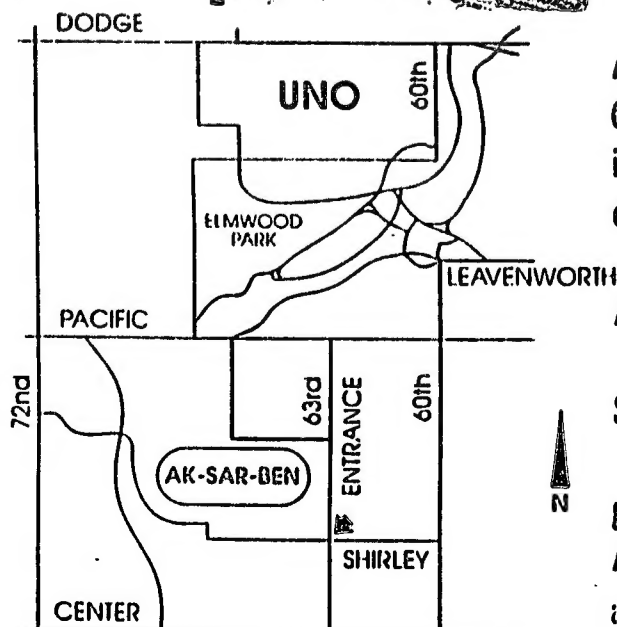
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Events slated to celebrate Black History Month

By JULIA M. YBARRA

In celebration of Black History Month, UNO's office of multicultural affairs is sponsoring various events throughout the next four weeks.

Anneliese Cawthon, director of multicultural affairs, said the calendar was designed to focus on specific subjects.

"The first week deals with history and culture, like the movie 'Ethnic Notions' on Feb. 2 at noon in the Ballroom," Cawthon said. "The second week concentrates on the heroes and heroines, primarily in the military."

In addition to movies and panel discussions, guest lecturers from different areas will address the public.

Julian Bond, civil rights activist, is the featured speaker at the Feb. 4 Academy, Business and Community (ABC) Breakfast at the Holiday Inn, 72nd and Grover. Call 595-2300 for ticket information.

Mel Foote, from Africare, an international development organization, will speak at noon about the situation in Somalia on Feb. 24 in the Student Center Ballroom.

Martin Luther King, III is the Feb. 25 keynote speaker in the Nebraska Room of the Student Center at 7:30 p.m. Admission for the general public is \$4.50, \$2.50 for students and \$3.00 for faculty and staff.

Although many of these presentations are directed toward

celebrating the African-American heritage, Cawthon is quick to point out that they are not meant to exclude anyone.

"The events are for the entire campus," Cawthon said. "It's not just an African-American thing; it's a cultural awareness thing."

To further promote understanding of African-Americans in society, several participatory and entertainment events have been incorporated into the schedule.

A prejudice reduction workshop, designed to educate and/or enhance the participant's sensitivity to prejudice, will be in the Student Center Council Room from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 18. Reservations can be made through the personnel office at 554-2321.

Family Night is planned for Feb. 19 from 6:30-10 p.m. in the Ballroom. The movie "BeBe's Kids" will be shown, with popcorn and snacks available, followed by a game of family feud.

The play "Black Life in the 90's" will be presented by students to dramatize issues such as religion, art and relationships in the black community. The performance runs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Strauss Performing Arts Center's Recital Hall.

Cawthon said she hopes the diversity of locations and times will entice more people to participate in the events than last year.

"Last year, most of the activities were up on the third floor of the Student Center," Cawthon said. "Then, only interested people came and most of them were African-American — that's not spreading cultural awareness. All people, no matter what color, are invited to raise their awareness."

Black History events

Feb. 4

- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. African fashion show and arts display in the Student Center Ballroom. Sponsored by the Association of Nigerian Americans.

Feb. 9

- 10 a.m. "Scenes from Zimbabwe and Malawi" slide presentation and lecture series by George Garrison, Student Center Ballroom.
- Noon - 1 p.m. African-Americans in the Armed Forces, Student Center Ballroom.

Feb. 11

- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Ribbons will be distributed in the Octagon to celebrate the third anniversary of Nelson Mandela's release from prison.

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- Noon - 1 p.m. Premiere of AAO film documentary "Racism Then and Now," Student Center.

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From the Wire

Candy, gum ... condoms?

CPS Clips

By JOHN WILLIAMS

CPS — Interspersed among the candy bars, gum and candies in the residence hall vending machines at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania are packages of condoms that sell for 50 cents apiece.

Milky Way bars sell for 60 cents. Love, it seems, is cheaper than chocolate.

Condoms are moving out of college and university health centers and into vending machines in dormitories, mostly at the request of student government associations. Administrators said that despite protests from some students and parents, the sale of condoms in residence halls has caused little controversy.

"We have not had any problems," said Betsy Joseph, director of Indiana University of Pennsylvania's office of housing and residential life.

Up until about five years ago, condoms were sold in Indiana University residence halls in cigarette machines, Joseph said. However, with concerns about the health risks of smoking, the university got rid of the cigarette machines, and by default, the condoms. Students could still get condoms at the campus health center.

Students and administrators formed a committee to study how to put the condoms back in the dorms, and came up with the plan to sell them in the candy machines. There had been a proposal to sell them in restrooms, but no vendor could provide the dispensing machines.

The school has about 4,000 students living on campus in 14 residence halls and two apartment buildings.

Since the condoms became available in the dorms at the beginning of the fall term, 1,360 condoms were sold.

At Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn., officials are in the process of installing condom vending machines in three locations in a men's and a women's dorm. The school had dispensed condoms from its health services department, but the hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) didn't jive when most students wanted to buy them, said Robert LaLance, vice president of student affairs. "They wanted easy access after hours," he said.



LOVE FOR SALE: Condoms, in some areas, are cheaper than chocolate. —FILE PHOTO

The process to install the vending machines in the residence halls began in June 1992, when a committee of students and administrators was formed to study a student government request to have the machines. The committee surveyed other universities that have such machines, interviewed students and parents of students who live in the dorms and got feedback from the school's staff.

"The groups that were surveyed were mostly supportive," he said. "There was no middle ground, however. Those against it were opposed on moral grounds."

The machines should be installed sometime during the spring term, and the cost of an individual condom hasn't been determined yet, LaLance said.

Kevin Charles, director of student health services at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky., said students may purchase condoms at the school's health service department, or in vending machines that are in 12 of the university's 19 residence halls. Also, at special events on campus, the health service department will give the condoms away, he said.

Last year the health services sold 5,000 condoms, Charles said. He didn't have sales figures for the dorms. Condoms cost 75 cents for one or \$1.50 for a triple pack from the vending machine; health services charges \$5 for a 12-pack and 40-60 cents for a single condom.

The condom sales began in 1989, and he said there was resistance from both the university and the surrounding community about it.

"Western Kentucky is in the Bible Belt. It is fairly conservative," he said. "I am sure there are people who are still upset. Much of the resistance was in the '80s, and we did get some complaints from students and parents. They both had the same concern that we were promoting promiscuity."

Charles said condoms are sold on campus for health reasons. "The big one is the prevention of HIV (the virus that causes AIDS). There were also concerns for other sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy," he said. "The hardest part was getting them on campus. Once they've been here, there have been no problems."

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TROY, N.Y. — Good grades won't necessarily get you a job when you graduate, according to a recent survey of corporate recruiters who visited Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Tom Tarantelli, associate director of the Career Development Center, said 113 corporate recruiters were interviewed when they came to the campus in late 1992. He found that good grades were near the bottom of the list of skills and traits most important to the recruiters in making hiring decisions.

"Companies can afford to be more selective now," Tarantelli said. "They're looking for well-rounded applicants who get along with others and can participate as members of a team. The three skills they value most are interpersonal skills, problem-solving skills and communication skills."

Other valued skills included creativity, flexibility, maturity and good judgement.

Appeal goes to high court

ARLINGTON, Texas — A University of Texas at Arlington student appealed a failing grade all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In January, Supreme Court justices turned down a request by Richard Tobias, 36, of Arlington, to hear his case. Tobias sued the university on the grounds that his constitutional rights had been denied because his professor gave him a failing grade. The justices declined to hear the lawsuit in which Tobias sought to have his grade reversed.

Tobias received a flunking grade in 1984 in a course in obstetric nursing. He turned in what his professor thought was incomplete and unsatisfactory work. Tobias filed two lawsuits against the university — one over the grade, and the other seeking documents from the U.S. Freedom of Information Act. That suit is awaiting appeal.

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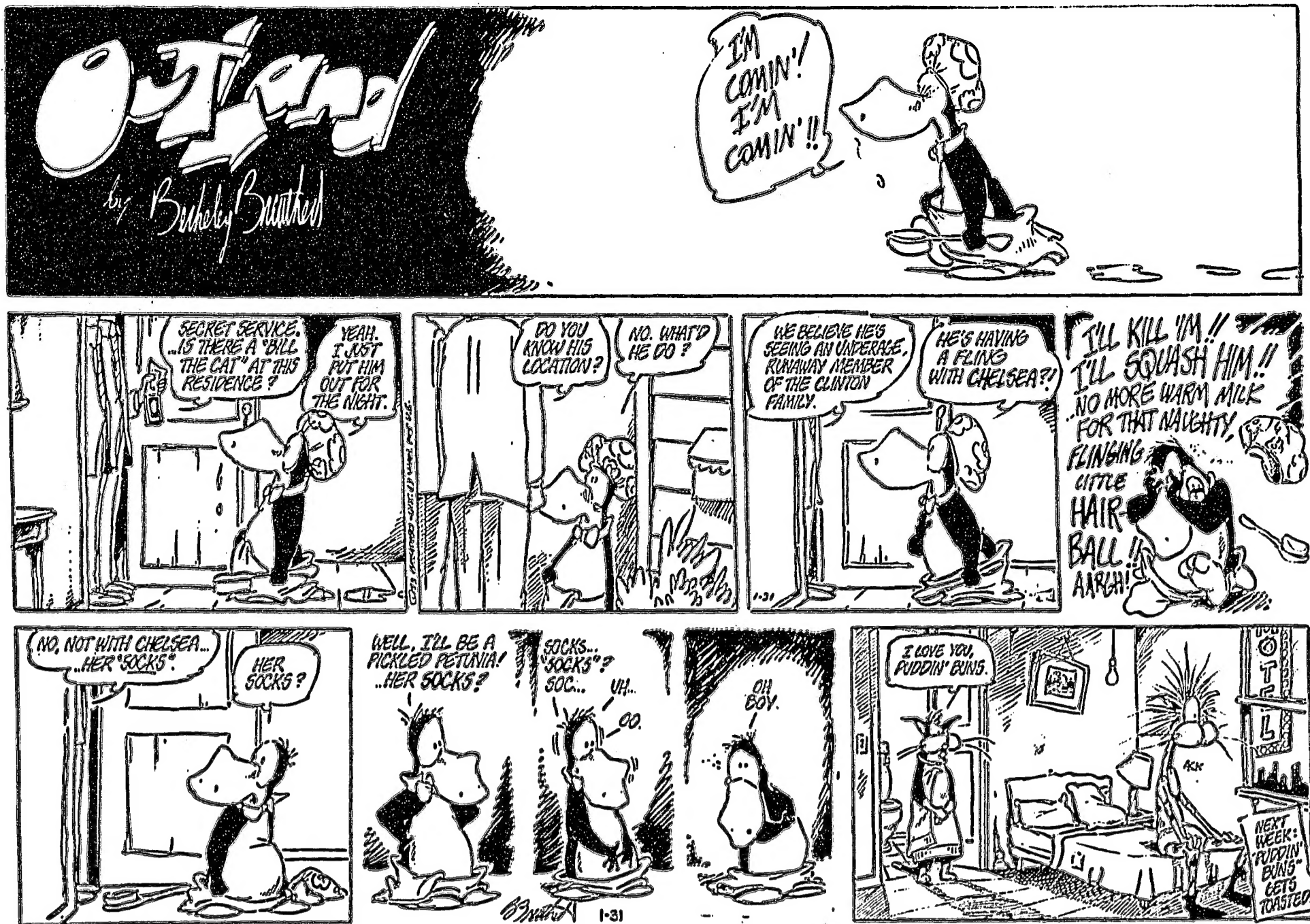
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Wins give Lady Mavericks 'new beginning'

By ERIC JOHNSON

At last, the winless streak for the UNO women's basketball team has ended.

The Lady Mavs won a pair against North Central Conference (NCC) rivals over the weekend to move into the win column in the NCC.

On Friday, the Lady Mavs defeated Mankato State University (MSU) in overtime, 68-63, and continued their momentum by crushing St. Cloud State University (SCSU) 95-51 Saturday.

The victories gave the Lady Mavs a 2-7 record in the NCC and 5-12 overall.

MSU came into Friday's game with a 2-5 NCC record, but an overall winning mark of 9-7. The team also featured one of the NCC's leading scorers in Lynell Anderson, who has averaged nearly 13 points per game.

The Lady Mavs, who defeated the Huskies from SCSU twice last year, continued their dominance Saturday night.

"Our kids had that tiger in their eyes and that fire in their bellies this weekend. That's what we needed to see to get going in this league."

—Cherri Mankenberg, Lady Mav basketball coach

The team was noticeably pumped from Friday night's overtime victory, and it showed from the beginning.

UNO took control of the game from the opening tip and never looked back. With less than five minutes gone in the first half, the Lady Mavs had already posted a 10-point lead.

SCSU was unable to control the ball and gave the Lady Mavs ample opportunities to steal the ball and score. UNO was just as tough on offense, successfully battling for every possible rebound.

Freshman guard Stacy McArthur, with an assist from senior guard Lisa Rath, hit a three-pointer with 12 minutes remaining in the half to start a 15-point scoring spree for the Lady Mavs.

When the Huskies finally scored, they were already down by 25 points. SCSU was unable to slow the UNO offense.

At halftime, the Lady Mavs went to the locker room with a 28-point lead, holding SCSU to only 20 points.

Senior center Sandy Skradski already had 18 points, followed by McArthur with nine points, including two three-point baskets.

The Huskies came out scoring in the second half, but were unable to seriously close the gap. Coach Cherri



—ED CARLSON

Linda Schabloske grabs a rebound in Friday's game against Mankato State. The Lady Mavs won their first two conference games over the weekend.

Mankenberg began to give her starters a rest, allowing the substitutes plenty of playing time. Even then, the points kept piling up.

Freshman guard Cathy Mauer came in and took charge of the court. She was all over the Huskies' defense, working the Lady Mavs through the visitors' weak press. Mauer finished the game with 13 points and it was her leadership that opened UNO's lead even further, Mankenberg said.

"Cathy needed that game. When we've had her in against some teams that have really pressed, she's had some turnovers and it's taken away her confidence. Tonight was a great game for her to get her confidence down pat," she said.

McArthur finished the game with a team-high 21 points, including five baskets from the three-point range. Skradski had 20 points, even though she spent almost all of the second

half on the bench. Four Lady Mavs scored in double figures while the team successfully shot 50 percent from the field.

Queen Wilson was the only SCSU player in double figures, scoring 11 points. Missy Swanson, the SCSU's leading scorer, was held to 6 points. The Huskies are now 3-14 overall and 0-9 in the NCC.

"Our kids had that tiger in their eyes and that fire in their bellies this weekend," Mankenberg said. "That's what we needed to see to get going in this league."

The Lady Mavs travel to the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) Saturday to avenge a last-second defeat earlier in the season. With the Lady Mavs now in the win column, the UNC game is part of a whole new season, Mankenberg said.

"It's a new beginning. We've got all ten of them to go," she said.

UNO wrestlers climbing the charts

By TIM ROHWER

A climb in the rankings and a successful road trip were the highlights last week for the UNO wrestling team.

The Mavericks, who defeated top-ranked North Dakota State University (NDSU) on Jan. 23, moved up three spots to fourth place in the latest Division II rankings.

Central Oklahoma State University, which defeated UNO earlier in the season, moved to the top spot in the rankings, while NDSU dropped to second place. Adams State College is listed at No. 3.

The Mavericks enhanced their ranking, as well as improving their Midwest geography by winning four matches at three different sites on a trip that took 17 hours on the road.

On Wednesday, the Mavs travelled to Sioux Falls, S.D., where they defeated Augustana College 37-9 and Northern State College 33-9. On Thursday, the Mavs went up to St. Cloud State University in Minnesota and won 38-3. On Friday, the Mavs continued their road show by travelling to Brookings, S.D., where they defeated South Dakota State University (SDSU) 20-13.

Coach Mike Denney said he was impressed with the way his team responded to the long trip.

"Before we left, I told the team it was going to be very demanding, both physically and mentally," Denney said. "It was tough with all the travelling and having to make weight every day. But they responded to it and competed very well."

When they had to bring it up a level, they did."

Against St. Cloud State, the Mavs won nine of 10 matches, including an important win by Dan Ripperger in the 158-lb. division, Denney said.

"Dan lost both matches on Wednesday, but wrestled really well against St. Cloud State. He's just a freshman and it's good to get him going," he said.

A key match in the SDSU victory was Pat Kelly's win in the 190-lb. division, Denney said.

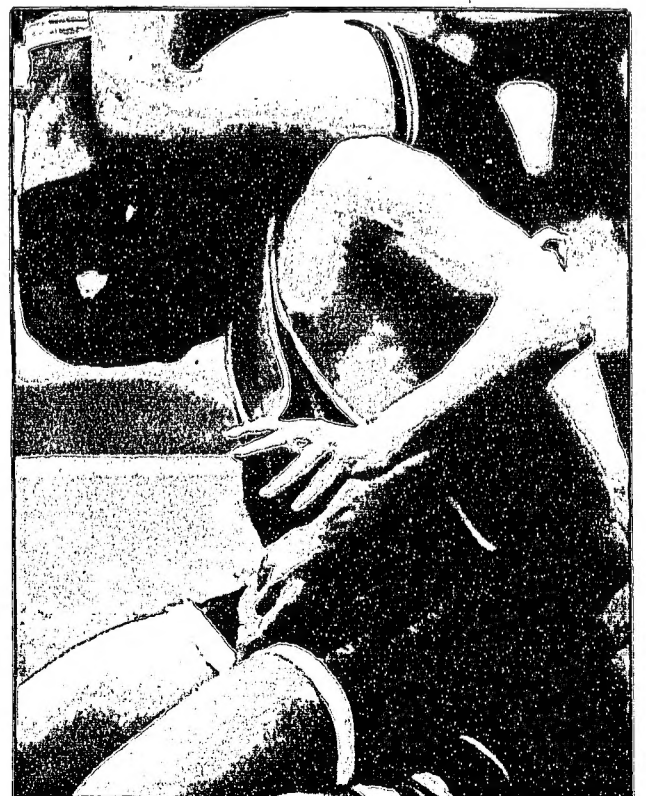
"At that time, we were leading 17-10 and Pat was matched against the No. 1 ranked wrestler in that division, Brian Loeffler," Denney said. "Pat won the match 11-8 and secured the victory."

In all, six wrestlers went undefeated during the four matches, including Steve Costanzo, who improved his record to 30-6 in the 142-lb. division.

"Any time you win 20 matches in a season it's significant. When you win 30, it's just outstanding," Denney said. "Whenever a wrestler wins 30 matches, they receive a gold-medal award at the team's banquet."

Denney said the four victories give the Mavericks momentum for their next matches Saturday against Chadron State College and the University of Nebraska at Kearney, which will host the event.

"When you get that momentum it's hard to stop. And that's important, because Kearney is ranked No. 11 in the rankings," Denney said.



—ED CARLSON

Dan Ripperger overthrows an opponent in an earlier match.

Records set in Lincoln

The UNO women's indoor track team finished second out of six schools competing in the Nebraska Wesleyan Indoor Relays Friday in Lincoln.

The Lady Mavs scored 59 points, trailing only Midland College, which finished with 96 points.

Highlights for the Lady Mavs, said Coach Tim Hendricks, included the performance of the distance medley relay team, which set a school record time of 12:49.1.

"Our old record was 13:22, set two years ago. We chopped that to pieces," Hendricks said.

UNO's sprint medley relay team also finished first in its category.

Individually, Hendricks praised the performances of Kim Osker, Barb Keefover and Linda Vondras in their respective events. Osker finished first in the 60-yard hurdles, while Vondras finished first in the 60-yard dash and second in the long jump. Keefover finished fourth in the long jump.

"Kim made a breakthrough in her race and Linda has really improved. In fact, her best time last year in the 60-yarder is her slowest time this year," Hendricks said.

The whole team has improved tremendously, he added.

"Right now, we're so far ahead of last year, it's funny," Hendricks said. "I think the reason Midland scored so many points is because they beat us with garbage points. They had so many kids there. My triple jumper, Regina Matlock, was sick and couldn't go. She could have gotten a second or third in her event. That would have taken points away from Midland."

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The Huskies' lead never shrank below 15 points for the rest of the game.

"They've (UNO) been an unlucky club so far," Raymond said.

Schamowski said he had respect for UNO.

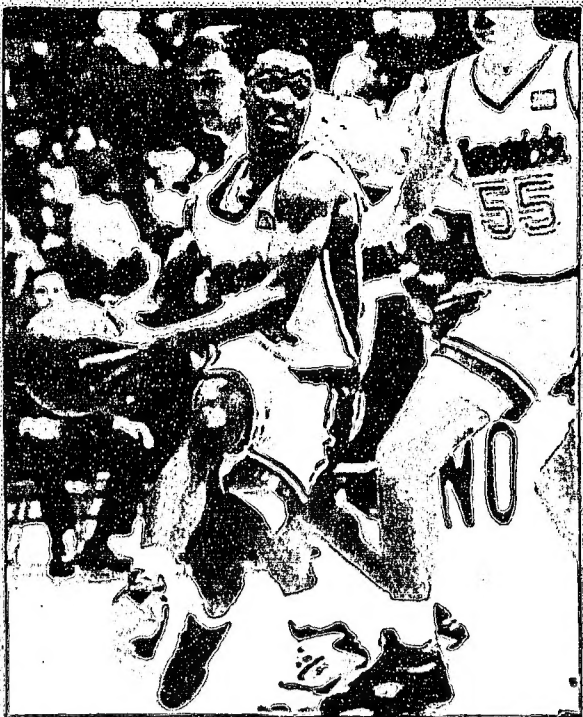
"They will win a couple before it's over, that's for sure. They have some great inside players, they have a point guard who can drive and dish well. Howard is one of the best inside players in the conference; he is a hard worker. I like his game a lot," he said.

The Mavs were led by Howard's hard play that resulted in 15 points. Geerts added 14 points and freshman guard John Haugh posted 12 more.

Howard, an Omaha Benson graduate, scored 16 points in Friday's loss to MSU. Freshman center John Skokan led the Mavs with 17 points and 16 rebounds in Friday's action, but was limited to seven points and five boards against the Huskies.

"The problem is we can get some effort for 20 minutes or so, and then something falls apart. It's the little things like the transition; we don't guard our men as close as we should," Geerts said. "It is hard on people who are down and out a little bit. I'm just trying to play every game."

The Mavs will try to end their skid Tuesday against South Dakota State University in the Fieldhouse.



UNO's Ron Walker drives to the basket in Friday's game.

-Ed Carlson



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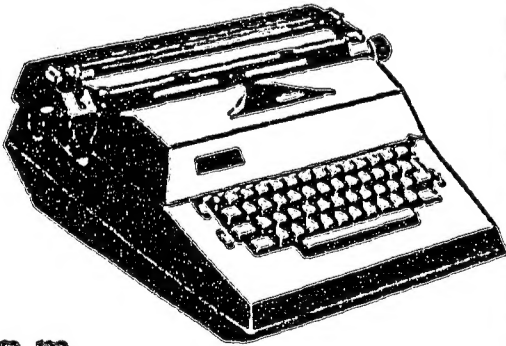
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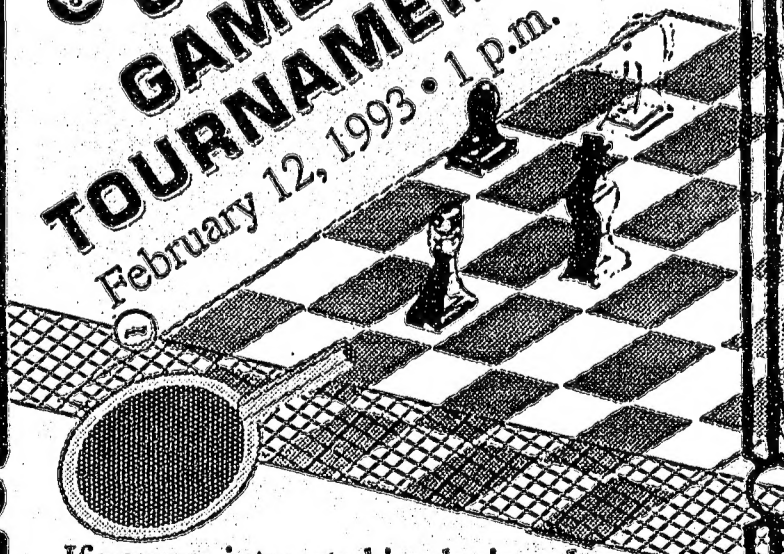
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